By: Hamric H.B. No. 2543

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The
- 3 University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston at The University of
- 4 Texas Health Science Center at Houston.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is
- 7 amended by adding Section 55.1752 to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 55.1752. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
- 9 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
- 10 <u>subchapter</u>, the board of regents of The University of Texas System
- 11 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or
- 12 equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or
- 13 related infrastructure for educational or related facilities for
- 14 The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston at The University
- of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, to be financed by the
- 16 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, including
- 17 bonds issued in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing
- 18 program and secured as provided by that program in an aggregate
- 19 principal amount not to exceed \$45 million.
- 20 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of the
- 21 bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue
- 22 <u>funds of an institution, branch, or entity of The University of</u>
- 23 Texas System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a
- 24 pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated

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- 1 while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to
- 2 refund those bonds, are outstanding.
- 3 <u>(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to</u>
- 4 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
- 5 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The University
- 6 of Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
- 7 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
- 8 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.
- 9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 13 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.